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FILING TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of :

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For: "INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD"

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ 28 pages of application including specification, claims and abstract;
  - ☒ 14 sheets (Figs. 1 - 14) of ☒ informal/☐ formal drawings;
  - ☒ A Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition (☐ signed/ ☒ unsigned);
  - ☒ A postcard for return to us as proof of receipt of the referenced documents.
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- ☐ An Assignment of the invention with an assignment cover sheet;
  - ☐ Applicant claims small entity status (Under 37 CFR 1.27);
  - ☐ IDS (form PTO-1449) and copies of references;
  - ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney;
  - ☐ A certified copy of the priority document (Under 35 USC 119);
  - ☐ A Power of Attorney by Assignee;
  - ☒ Other. Request and Certification Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

TYPE OF FILING

- ☐ This application claims the benefit of an earlier filed Application (35 USC 120).
- ☐ This application claims the benefit of the priority date of an earlier filed provisional patent application (35 USC 119).
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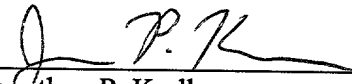
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